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Preliminary Amendment



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Applicant : Howard Yoshihisa Ando et al.  
Filed : December 17, 2001  
Title : CALCIUM DICARBOXYLATE ETHERS, METHODS OF MAKING SAME,  
AND TREATMENT OF VASCULAR DISEASE AND DIABETES THEREWITH

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Examiner :

Docket No. :5953-01-AJL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before taking the above-identified application up for a first response on the merits,  
please consider the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.